

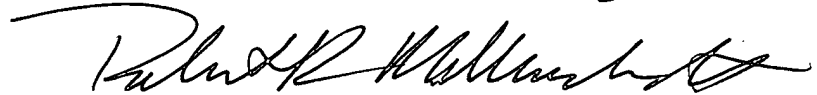
individual sequences are normally deemed to constitute independent and distinct inventions, "in most cases, up to 10 independent and distinct nucleotide sequences will be examined in a single application without restriction." Here the Examiner has required restriction between five sequences, half the number Patent Office policy indicates are normally examined without a requirement for restriction.

Under Patent Office policy, the restriction requirement to one sequence appears to be improper. Claims 7-18 should not be subject to restriction and all claims 7-18 should be examined.

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